



Mini-Grant Application

“YOUth Can!”

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Global Youth Service Day Mini-Grant Application:

Thank you for your interest

What: ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, is making funding available to organizations, schools, programs and institutions to develop, coordinate and implement small projects that will engage Nebraska youths in service to their local communities in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010. Applications should address this year's theme: "YOUth Can!" Our goal is to include as many youth as possible and help them build a strong service and service-learning foundation. Details on Global Youth Service Day can be found here: <http://gysd.org/>

Your application should support Nebraska youth in local one-day or continuous service projects with a service-learning component. Please submit a full application (attached), including a detailed proposed budget and project description. The complete application should not be longer than five (5) pages.

There are two pools of funding available – one for efforts benefiting any Nebraska youth and the other specifically focused on engaging youth with disabilities. Please state which pool of funds you are applying for within your application. ***The mini-grant awards for both pools will be capped at \$500.00.***

Deadline: To apply for a ServeNebraska Global Youth Service Day mini-grant, please complete and return the attached application form no later than **Monday, March 15, 2010 at 5:00 pm CST** to Greg Donovan at greg.donovan@nebraska.gov . If email submission is not an option, hard copies by fax [402-471-6249] or delivery/mail to:

Greg Donovan
ServeNebraska
6th Floor/State Capitol Building
PO Box 98927
Lincoln, NE 68509-8927

Selection Criteria: Projects may be chosen based on the following criteria: number of engaged youth volunteers; cost-effectiveness; location; and proposed impact. Preference will be given to projects with multiple funding sources; projects that engage and/or serve individuals with disabilities, particularly children; projects that occur in central - and/or western - Nebraska; and projects that have a cost-per-youth ratio of \$1.00 per 1 youth or better. Applicants are encouraged to provide matching funds (cash and/or In-kind). Please provide information in the budget portion of the application about intended match resources. ServeNebraska reserves the right to award partial funding based on the applicants proposed budget and project description.

Allowable use of funds: Funds are limited and meant to be used for direct programming needs. Allowable uses of funds are project materials, transportation for participants, food, beverages and other necessary refreshments, venue or material rentals. Funds may not be used to cover personnel costs.

Reporting: If you are chosen for a mini-grant award you will be required to provide service data, including the number of youth engaged, number of service beneficiaries, and items created as applicable. Additionally, you will be required to submit a one-page project summary narrative at the conclusion of the Global Youth Service Day activity.



2010 Global Youth Service Day Mini Grant Application

1. Contact Information

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Fiscal Sponsor: Nebraska League of Conservation Voters

Fiscal Sponsor Address: 215 Centennial Mall South #519 Lincoln, NE 68508

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Youth Contact Person: Kari Rohren

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2. Project Details

Organization Type: (Select all that apply)

☐ Faith-based
☐ Club

☐ Non-profit
☐ Business

☐ Government
☒ Other: Lincoln Earth Day 2010 Planning Committee

☐ Education

Which pool of funding are you applying for:

☐ Disability Inclusion Youth Service

☒ Youth Service

Community Served: Lincoln, NE

Description of Youth Population (ages, demographics):

We will be working with Lincoln Public Schools students, all grades, as volunteers for this year's Lincoln Earth Day-40th Anniversary. We will be focusing on nature and environmental clubs within these schools, but the opportunity will be open to all students interested.

Activities the students will be involved in throughout the day include informing and educating attendees about the need for recycling, and Lincoln Earth Day's zero-waste policy. This will involve instructing attendees how to properly use the recycling bins, handing out "Get Caught Recycling" coupons to attendees using the recycling bins, and encouraging attendees to use recycling bins. We will also work with the students in assisting with educational activities from various organizations. Examples of this may be assisting in the Earth Day 2010 Big Wheel Race, assisting in an Environmental Sing Along.

Expected Number of Volunteers: 50-75

Number of Youth (age 5-25) anticipated out of expected volunteers: 20-25



3. Please describe your Youth Service Day Project plan and how it is applicable to the

“YOUth Can!” theme: Using our “Past, Present, Future” theme for the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, we will engage the “present” and “future” in voicing an important message about our living environment. By inviting Lincoln youth to volunteer in this event, we will not only spread the importance of recycling, living sustainably, and making earth conscious decisions to the community of Lincoln, but will be educating the youth involved about these issues and also providing them with service learning on how their voice can make an impact. By allowing the youth to join us as messengers for Earth Day, they will gain first hand experience with educating the public on important issues and using face-to-face conversation to make an impact on the community.

Our volunteer plan for the day allows youth volunteers to sign up for one of two shifts, 2 pm-4 pm or 4 pm-6 pm, or both, and also allows for family participation. Volunteers will arrive at the event site, Antelope Park, prior to their scheduled time and check in with the Volunteer Coordinator at the Information Booth. They will then be assigned an activity, given direction, and paired with a Volunteer Assistant. For the duration of their shift they will work with this assistant and other youth volunteers assigned to that activity.

4. Project Location (Complete Address): Antelope Park
Normal Blvd. & A St.
Lincoln, NE

5. Does your project include a Service-Learning approach: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: While volunteering we will encourage students to learn about the environmental message represented by Lincoln Earth Day. Our youth volunteers will either be projecting a message about the importance of recycling, along with learning about the importance and the process of recycling, or will be assisting in educational activities regarding the environment, from the importance of protecting our environment, to the enjoyment of the outdoors, and other important environmental messages.

6. If your project includes youth with disabilities or focuses on serving those with disabilities, Describe how: N/A

7. Does your project plan to engage youth not normally asked to serve: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: While we will not exclusively engage youth not normally asked to serve, we have minimal specifications about what makes a volunteer for this event, and hope to and encourage all youth to participate.

8. How will your project meet the needs of your community: As a growing community, it is important to acknowledge the environmental needs of our city, and to celebrate the environment that we live in. Lincoln Earth Day 2010 projects this message by celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day in a way that has not been done. By incorporating the interests of the entire community, rather than an environmental niche, Lincoln Earth Day strive to bring the community of Lincoln together to honor and enjoy our environment.

9. Day(s) completing service: ☐ April 23 ☒ April 24 ☐ April 25 ☐ Other:



10. How will you recruit volunteers for this project: We will be working with various employees of Lincoln Public Schools, teachers, principles, CLC coordinators, to engage both students and the families of students to involve themselves in this year's Earth Day event.

11. How will you involve youth in leadership roles: The activities available for youth volunteers provide leadership and initiative on the part of the youth; they will be asked to engage attendees in the environmental message presented. These activities also allow for the youth to take initiative in a local issue and allow their voices to be heard.

12. How many youth are involved in the planning of this service project: We currently have a planning committee of roughly 20 individuals, ages 18 and up, with approximately half under the age of 25.

13. Is this project a collaboration with another service day: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, which one(s) and with whom:

14. What supplies or resources will be necessary to complete this project: Recycling bins, handouts, and activity supplies will be required and will be on site the day of the event.

15. What is the plan for participant and volunteer transportation to the project location? It will be the responsibility of the volunteers/volunteers' family to provide transportation to and from the event. Car pooling and special arrangements can be made as pre requests.

16. How will you track numbers of volunteers and volunteer service hours: We will have volunteer coordinators on site to assign and direct volunteers. This person will also be tracking numbers and hours.

17. What will the end result of your project be: As this is an educational project, there will be no tangible end result, rather an opportunity for youth to educate the community on local environmental issues.

18. How will you know your project was a success: We hope to draw a wide range of the community to this event. By reaching out to Lincolniters and educating them on environmental issues and methods in which they can reduce their carbon footprint we will ensure that we have had a successful event.



Budget Summary (Be as detailed as possible)

1. Please present the full budget for the project, highlighting other sources of funds.

Materials/ Supplies:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Printing costs from A to Z Printing for event posters and flyers, recycling handouts, day of event handouts	\$500	\$500	A to Z Printing has agreed to donate \$500 for printing costs, which is estimated to cover half of these costs.	\$1000
<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$500	\$500		\$1000

Travel (mileage, food costs):

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
N/A				
<i>Sub-Total</i>				

Other:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
N/A				
<i>Sub-Total</i>				

Total:	\$500	\$500		\$1000
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2. Budget Narrative: Please describe why the requested funds are necessary for the success of this project. The main materials for the youth volunteer activities are handouts to event attendees. The requested funds will allow Lincoln Earth Day to print posters and flyers encouraging the community of Lincoln to attend this event, and will also allow Lincoln Earth Day to print “Get Caught Recycling” and other event flyers for youth volunteers to hand out, while they are educating the attendees about the importance of these messages.